

St. James Vestry

Minutes of the meeting held April 26, 2005

Called to order at 6:37 pm by the Interim Rector

Members Present: Rev. R. Jaynes (Interim Rector); C. Christopher (Sr. Warden); R. Traylor (Jr. Warden); L. Beacham; C. Covell; R. Craig; C. Dick; M. Farrell; L. Gordon; Z. Knight; D. Tesch. A quorum was present.

Members Absent: G. Zirpoli-Woodford (excused); J. Norris (excused); M. Webb (excused); S. Treadgold (excused).

Officers Present: Sheila Ferguson Webb (Treasurer); Ian Williamson (Chancellor).

Guests Present: Rev. J. Christian.

Z. Knight led the opening devotion.

Fr. Ron reminded everyone that we need to appoint a Clerk of the Vestry. Anyone with a recommendation should advise Fr. Ron. The Chancellor recorded the minutes of the meeting.

R. Traylor discussed the second chapter of the *Vestry Handbook*. The Parish Council was discussed. The issue of adding a "concerns" item on every agenda was addressed. L. Beacham will lead the discussion of chapter 3 at the next meeting.

Fr. Ron addressed youth, children and family ministries. These are acknowledged as a priority. He reported that he now believes it is prudent to put off hiring a staff member in this role until there is a new rector – who can decide if it is a clergy or lay role. Melissa Sherman has taken on the work of the youth group. She is very enthusiastic and the kids are enjoying it¹. We need to find someone to work with her. That group is Jr. and Sr. High (age 12 and up). Dan O'Neill has been gathering the 5th to 7th graders on Sunday mornings. We hope that this will lead to a re-start of the Rite 13 program.

Starting May 22, there will be a summer kids festival, meeting at 10:00 for the first half of the service. Youth programs will continue through summer. It will be a little lighter and more fun for the summer, but will continue.

Ken Simon, is working at St. Luke's with the Sudanese refugees. Fr. Ron has not seen him since Easter. He is still on the path to apply for ordination.

Motion by C. Dick, seconded by R. Traylor, to approve minutes of the February Vestry meeting, as corrected, passed.

¹ The Chancellor will follow-up regarding background checks for Ms. Sherman and Mr. O'Neill.

M. Farrell reported for the Audit Committee. A previously distributed change to the Financial Controls was circulated for approval as recommended by the Committee. Motion by M. Farrell, seconded by L. Gordon to approve the recommended change to the Financial Controls, passed unanimously.

C. Christopher offered the Senior Warden's Comments. The second session of the Holy Manners retreat is set for April 30. His impression is that the level of dissension is low.

Three important documents are being developed for goals for the future. We have a real opportunity be sure that we are saying the same things.

Membership is still going down, especially if we count by Sunday attendance.

Z. Knight requested that support of ECS be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was passed unanimously at approximately 8:20 pm.